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1. [REDACTED] 17 OCTOBER THE CITY OF SANTIAGO IS QUIET WITH NO UNTOWARD DEVELOPMENTS. THERE WERE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO ORGANIZE A DEMONSTRATION DURING MIDDAY BUT THESE WERE DISPERSED BY CARABINEROS (NATIONAL POLICE), WHO USED VERY LIBERAL QUANTITIES OF TEAR GAS. IN ADDITION TO THE ARMY SOLDIERS WHO WERE USED TO PROTECT BANKS IN THE DOWNTOWN SECTOR AND THOSE IN JEEPS PATROLLING THE CITY STREETS, THREE, THREE-QUARTER TON ARMY TRUCKS, FILLED WITH ARMED PERSONNEL, WERE SIGHTED PARKED NEAR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DECLARED A 24-HOUR STRIKE ON 17 OCTOBER.) EXCEPT FOR FOOD

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STORES, RESTAURANTS, PHARMACIES AND OTHER STORES SELLING PRIME NECESSITY ITEMS, THE MAJORITY OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WERE CLOSED THE AFTERNOON OF 17 OCTOBER, INCLUDING SEVERAL OF THE LARGE STORES WHICH HAD OPENED IN THE MORNING.

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THE CAMPESINO STRIKE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY IS QUITE EXTENSIVE AND INVOLVES, SOME 60,000 CAMPESINOS. THE CAMPESINOS ARE TAKING OVER THE LAND THEY WORK, BUT 17 OCTOBER THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF OF VIOLENCE.

3. THE STRIKE BY THE COOPERATIVE FARM WORKERS AND OTHER CAMPESINOS EXTENDED TO 13 PROVINCES AS OF 17 OCTOBER. ADDITIONALLY, THE UNION OF AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYERS AGREED ON 17 OCTOBER THAT IT WOULD JOIN THE OTHER STRIKING RURAL WORKERS. FINALLY, THAT THE FEDERATION OF BUS DRIVERS AND THE STEVEDORES IN VALPARAISO WERE TO HAVE MET THE AFTERNOON OF 17 OCTOBER TO VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO STRIKE. COMMENT: IF THE LATTER

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TWO ORGANIZATIONS AGREE TO STRIKE, THE COUNTRY COULD SOON BE PARALYZED.)
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4. IN REGARD TO THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THERE ARE 60 DI PERSONNEL STANDING BY FOR ORDERS FROM THE JUDICIARY IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE ARRESTS. THE EFFORTS TO ARREST THE BUSINESS LEADERS COULD TAKE PLACE LATE IN THE DAY OF 17 OCTOBER OR ON 18 OCTOBER. THE DI IS NOT COORDINATING ITS ARREST PLANS WITH GENERAL HECTOR B R A V O, COMMANDER OF THE SANTIAGO EMERGENCY ZONE. AS FAR AS THE DI IS CONCERNED, IT IS RECEIVING ITS ORDERS FROM THE INTERIOR MINISTER. [REDACTED]
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5. DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS THERE HAVE BEEN A RASH OF ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS TO THE DI DURING WHICH ADDRESSES WERE GIVEN OF ALLEGED ARMS CACHES. IN ALMOST ALL INSTANCES, THE ADDRESSES WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF UPPER CLASS SECTIONS OF SANTIAGO. THE DI INVESTIGATED THE FIRST FEW SUCH TELEPHONE CALLS BUT NOTHING WAS FOUND. THE DI HAS SINCE STOPPED FOLLOWING UP SUCH LEADS.
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6. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] OCTOBER PRESIDENT ALLENDE

ADDRESSED [REDACTED]

HE SAID THAT THE STRIKE BY THE TRUCK OWNERS HAD BEEN CALLED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF OVERTHROWING HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT HAD BEEN DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL PARTY (PN), PATRIA Y LIBERTAD (P&L, AN EXTREME RIGHT-WING ORGANIZATION) AND THE U.S. EMBASSY. HE CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERTS IN PROVOKING COUP ATTEMPTS, AND ADDED THAT THE LEADERS OF THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT WERE USING TACTICS WHICH PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN TOPPLING GOVERNMENTS IN INDONESIA, BRAZIL AND GUATEMALA. ALLENDE CONTENDED THAT IF THE U.P. GOVERNMENT WERE OVERTHROWN, CHILE WOULD

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BE FACED WITH FACISM AND REPRESSION OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT 40,000 OR 50,000 PERSONS COULD DIE. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD ONCE CONSIDERED RESIGNING BECAUSE OF FAILURES AND THE LACK OF UNITY IN HIS COALITION, HE WOULD NOT QUIT AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENT PROBLEMS AND COULD ONLY BE REMOVED AS PRESIDENT BY HIS DEATH.

2. THE PRESIDENT ADMITTED THAT THE SELECTION OF TRUCK DRIVERS TO COMMENCE THE STRIKE WAS A GOOD MANEUVER BECAUSE THE U.P. IS WEAK IN THAT UNION. THE FIRM STANCE BY THE CONFEDERATION LEADERS IS AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT THE OPPOSITION SELECTED ITS COURSE WISELY. THE PRESIDENT ALSO ADMITTED U.P. WEAKNESS IN THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. ALLENDE ALSO REFERRED TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC), SAYING THAT IT HAD ALLIED ITSELF WITH THE PN IN THIS CRISIS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD ONLY HELP THE PN AND HURT THE PDC, FOR THE LATTER WILL SEE ITS STRENGTH ERODED BY THE APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS.

3. ALLENDE THEN TURNED TO THE TACTICS WHICH THE U.P. SHOULD USE TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS.

A. HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT U.P. MEMBERS OR THE YOUTH IN THE STREETS BECAUSE THIS COULD LEAD TO CONFRONTATIONS AND TO A "BLOOD BATH." IT WAS FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, THAT HE HAD ORDERED THE

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SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) YOUTH WHO HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATING IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. HE CLAIMED THAT THE OPPOSITION, FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, WAS HOPING THAT ONE OF ITS LEADERS WOULD BE KILLED.

B. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE WANTS THE MEMBERS OF THE CHILEAN LABOR CONFEDERATION (CUT) TO REMAIN WORKING AND TO DEFEND THE FACTORIES. IF AN OWNER ATTEMPTS TO CLOSE A FACTORY, THE PRESIDENT SAID THE WORKERS SHOULD TAKE IT OVER, BOTH TO KEEP PRODUCTION GOING AND TO HELP ADVANCE SOCIALISM.

C. IF WORKERS IN THE STATE-CONTROLLED BANKS VOTE TO GO ON STRIKE, THE U.P. SUPPORTERS WITHIN THOSE INSTITUTIONS SHOULD CONTINUE WORKING BUT NOT MOLEST THE STRIKERS.

D. THE PRESIDENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD INITIATE A LEGAL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE DAILY NEWSPAPER "EL MERCURIO" AND AGAINST OTHER NEWSPAPERS WHICH WERE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN SEDITIOUS. THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, INTENDS TO TAKE A STRONG STAND ON THIS ISSUE AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CLOSE DOWN THESE NEWSPAPERS.

E. ALLENDE SAID THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES, THE WORKERS SHOULD SUPPORT THE POLICE AND MILITARY IN REOPENING THE LARGE STORES IN SANTIAGO. HE ADDED THAT THE STORE OWNERS MUST BE MADE

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TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR BUSINESSES WILL BE TAKEN OVER, IF THEY
MUST BE REOPENED BY FORCE.

4. FINALLY, ALLENDE COMMENTED ON THE DAMAGE WHICH HAD BEEN CAUSED BY DYNAMITING OF CHILEAN RAIL LINES, CLAIMING THAT THE SABOTAGE HAD BEEN WELL DONE. THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT A U.S. NEWSPAPER HAD REPORTED THE INCIDENT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME IT OCCURRED. HE SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN THE UNITED STATES TO DETERMINE HOW AND FROM WHOM THE NEWSPAPER OBTAINED ITS INFORMATION. IF IT APPEARS THAT A REPORTER KNEW OF THE DYNAMITING IN ADVANCE, THE PRESIDENT STATED HE WOULD ORDER THE CORRESPONDENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND THE OFFICE HE REPRESENTS WILL BE CLOSED.

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